

**CONTINUATION-IN-PART
DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am one of the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

"SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCTION SYSTEM"

Case No. P97,1046; the specification of which *is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Serial No. 08/289,257 filed on August 11, 1994.*

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the oath or declaration.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent Office all information known to me, which information is material to the examination of this application, in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56(a)¹. I also acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application, **August 11, 1994**, and the filing date of this continuation-in-part application.

As to the subject matter of this application which is common to **U.S. Serial No. 08/289,257 filed on August 11, 1994**, I do not know and do not believe that this invention was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof or more than one year prior to the earlier application, I believe that the same was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this earlier application, and I believe that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this earlier application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this earlier application, and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to this earlier application by me or my legal representatives or assigns, except as identified below.

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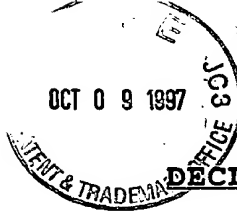
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